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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-10 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/7-7/7 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	10
	No: Claims	1-9
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Cited Documents

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: US-A-6 029 203 (BHATIA RAJIV ET AL) 22 February 2000 (2000-02-22)
D2: US 2002/099669 A1 (LAUER GREGORY S) 25 July 2002 (2002-07-25)

Citations and explanations made in respect of paragraph V:

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1 The present application does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(2) PCT because the **subject-matter of claims 1-9 is not new**, and does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(3) PCT because the **subject-matter of claim 10 does not involve an inventive step**.
- 2.1 With respect to claim 1, the document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document), in terms of claim 1:
A router or bridge device (column 4, lines 35-37) characterized in that it comprises means for connection to a first network and means for connection to a second network (column 5, lines 34-53, figure 1);
an application for selecting configuration parameters, wherein the application applies a template for presenting parameters to a user, said template being uploaded to said service (column 7, lines 4-26 and column 24, lines 12-38).

Since all features of claim 1 are known in combination from document D1, the subject-matter of **claim 1 is not new** in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
3. The additional-features of dependent claims 2-9 are likewise disclosed in document D1 (claims 20-25, column 9, lines 13-21, column 18, lines 11-63, column 19, lines 19-27, column 24, lines 12-48, column 25, lines 13-56, column 58, line 64 to column 62,

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line 10).

Consequently, the subject-matter of **claims 2-9 is not new** (Article 33(2) PCT).

The additional-features of dependent claim 10 relate to routine design measures to which no inventive merit can be attributed. Devices that takes configuration parameters that are not found from a default or lower priority list of parameters are well known in the art of network devices (see also document D2, paragraphs 25-33).

Consequently, the subject-matter of **claim 10 does not involve an inventive step** (Article 33(3) PCT).

Thus, **claims 2-9 do not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT and claim 10 does not meet the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.**